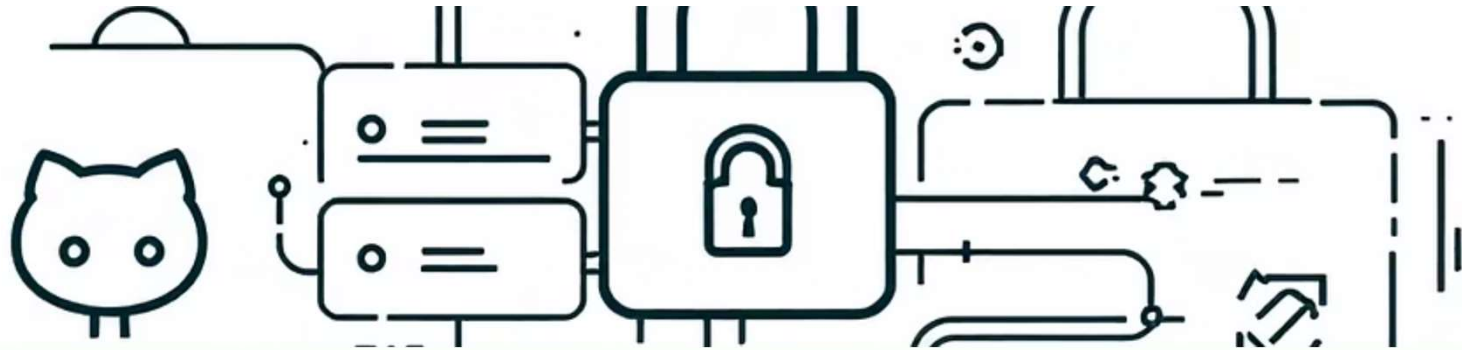


Docker Login Using GitHub Secrets

Secure authentication and deployment strategies for containerized applications



Docker Login Using GitHub Secrets

```
- name: Login to Docker Hub
  uses: docker/login-action@v3
  with:
    username: ${ secrets.DOCKER_USERNAME }
    password: ${ secrets.DOCKER_PASSWORD }
```

Security Explanation

- Secrets are encrypted
- Not visible in logs
- Scoped to repository

GitHub Secrets: Best Practices

✓ *Use secrets for:*

- Registry credentials
- Tokens
- API keys

✗ *Never:*

- Hardcode passwords
- Echo secrets in logs
- Commit .env files

Docker Build & Push Step

```
- name: Build and Push Image
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
  with:
    context: .
    push: true
    tags: vishwacloudlab/python-app:latest
```

Explanation

context → *build directory*

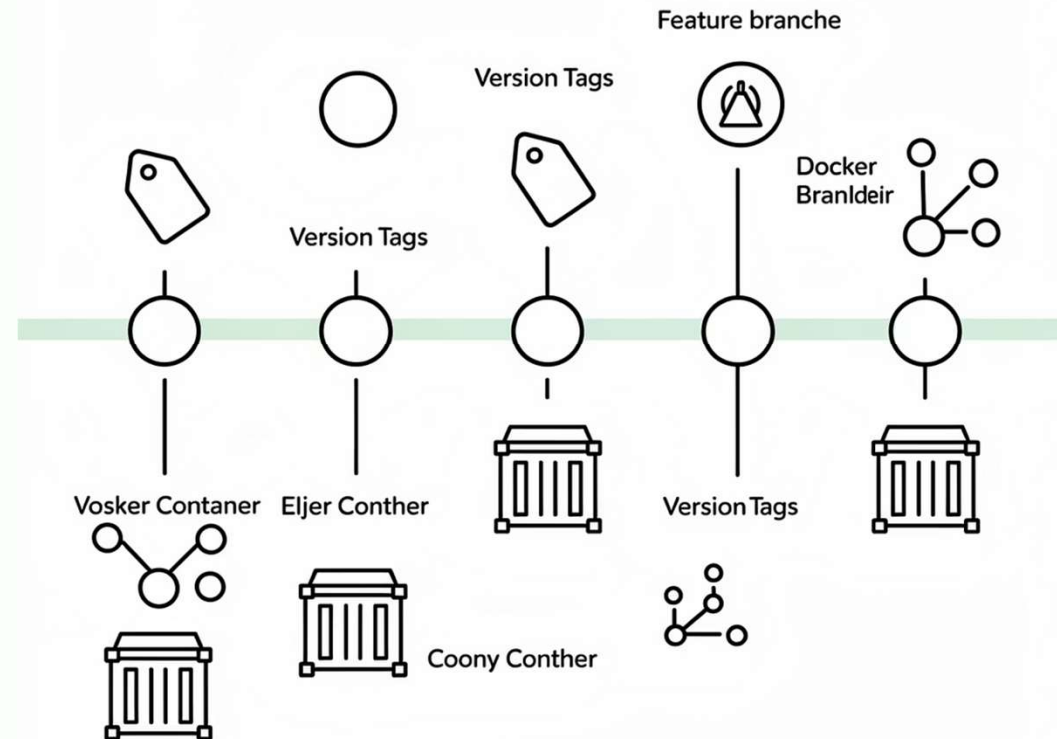
push: true → *sends image to registry*

tags → *image naming*

Versioning Images Using Git Tags

Why Version Images?

- Rollback support
- Traceability
- Release consistency



Git Tag-Based Workflow Trigger

```
on:  
  push:  
    tags:  
      - 'v*.*.*'
```

Example Tags

- V1.0.0
- V1.2.3

Using Git Tag as Image Version

```
tags: |  
  vishwacloudlab/python-app:${{ github.ref_name }}
```

Result

```
vishwacloudlab/python-app:v1.0.0
```

📌 ✨ Enterprise Best Practice:

Image version = Git tag = Release version


Full CI Workflow (Consolidated)

```
name: Docker Release
on:
  push:
  tags:
    - 'v*.*.*'
jobs:
  release:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3
      - uses: docker/login-action@v3
    with:
      username: ${ secrets.DOCKER_USERNAME }
      password: ${ secrets.DOCKER_PASSWORD }
      - uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
    with:
      push: true
      tags: vishwacloudlab/python-app:${ github.ref_name }
```


Basic Release Strategies


1

Latest Only

- Always overwrite latest
-  No rollback

2

Versioned Releases

- v1.0.0, v1.0.1
-  Safe rollback

3

Environment-Based Tags

- dev, qa, prod
- Common in enterprises

Release Strategy Mapping

Strategy	Tag Example	Use Case
Latest	latest	Dev testing
Semantic	v1.2.0	Production
Env	prod	Environment deploy

Common Mistakes & Fixes

Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Hardcoded credentials	Use GitHub Secrets
No versioning	Use Git tags
Large images	Slim base images
No rollback	Versioned tags

CI/CD Security Best Practices

- Least-privilege secrets
- Rotate credentials
- Scan images (Trivy, Snyk)
- Use protected branches
- Enforce PR checks